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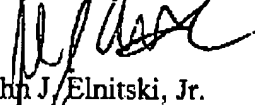
REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 11, 12, 14, and 15. Claims 6, 11, 12, 14, and 15 have been amended to overcome the objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 10 under 35 USC §102(b) for the reasons cited in the office action. After a telephone interview with the Examiner, it was agreed that claim 1 as amended above would remove Slates (U.S. 5,657,740) as a reference and that rejections of claims 1-6 and 10 would no longer be valid.

In view of the aforementioned remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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